

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A server computer capable of being connected to a communication terminal comprising a display device capable of displaying an image such that they can communicate with each other through a network, comprising:

an image database storing image data;

an image data transmission device for transmitting to said communication terminal the image data stored in said image database in response to an image transmission request from said communication terminal;

a storage device storing group order information transmitted from said communication terminal and related to prints of an image represented by the image data transmitted by said image data transmission device;

a controller controlling a printer so as to print the image represented by the image data specified on the basis of the group order information stored in said storage device in response to the print command from said communication terminal;

image data registration acceptance means for accepting the registration of the image data to be stored in the image database; and

first ID generation means for generating an image ordering ID and a print commanding ID in correlation with the accepted image data in response to the acceptance of the image data by the image data registration acceptance means,

the image transmission request transmitted from the communication terminal including said image ordering ID, said image data transmission device transmitting to said communication terminal the image data correlated with the image ordering ID in response to the image transmission request from the communication terminal,

~~the print command transmitted from the communication terminal including the print commanding ID, and said printer controller controlling the printer so as to print an image represented by the image data correlated with the print commanding ID in response to the print command from the communication terminal;~~

second ID generation means for generating a member specifying ID in correlation with the image ordering ID generated by the first ID generation means, the member specifying ID specifying a particular member of a group,

the communication terminal accepting input from members of the group including the member specifying ID, the image ordering ID, and the member's selections which comprise the group order information,

said print controller waiting for the print commanding ID and upon receipt thereof, controlling the printer to print a group order represented by the group order information.

3. (Currently Amended) The server computer according to claim 2, wherein
said group order information includes, for each member of the group, information related to the desired number of prints of the image represented by the image data specified by said group order information.

4. (Previously Presented) The server computer according to claim 3, further comprising:
means for calculating a print charge on the basis of the information related to said desired number of prints; and
print charge transmission means for transmitting to said communication terminal data representing the calculated print charge.

5. (Previously Presented) The server computer according to claim 2, further comprising:
means for calculating at least a planned completion date for the prints of the image by the printer controlled by said printer controller in response to the print command from said communication terminal, and
planned completion date transmission means for transmitting to said communication terminal data representing the calculated planned completion date.

6. (Currently Amended) The server computer according to claim 2, further comprising:

group order condition information transmission means for transmitting to said communication terminal order condition information represented on the basis of the group order information stored in said storage device in response to an a group order condition confirmation request from the communication terminal.

7. (Previously Presented) The server computer according to claim 2, further comprising:

means for accepting from said communication terminal the transmission of display device type information related to the type of the display device in the communication terminal,

said image data transmission device converting the image data stored in said image database into image data adaptable to the display device in the communication terminal in accordance with the display device type information and transmitting the image data to the communication terminal.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The server computer according to claim 2 , further comprising:

password generation means for respectively generating an image ordering password corresponding to the image ordering ID and a print commanding password corresponding to the print commanding ID which are generated by the first ID generation means;

image data transmission judgment means for judging whether or not the image data should be transmitted to said communication terminal on the basis of the image ordering ID and the image ordering password; and

print judgment means for judging whether or not the printer should be controlled so as to print the image represented by the image data on the basis of the print commanding ID and the print commanding password,

the image transmission request transmitted from the communication terminal further including the image ordering password, and the image data transmission device transmitting the

image data to the communication terminal when it is judged that the image data can be transmitted by the image data transmission judgment means on the basis of the image ordering ID and the image ordering password,

the print command transmitted from the communication terminal further including the print commanding password, and the printer controller controlling the printer so as to print the image represented by the image data in a case where it is judged that printing is possible by the print judgment means on the basis of the print commanding ID and the print commanding password.

10. (Currently Amended) The server computer according to claim 2 , further comprising:

~~second ID generation means for generating a member specifying ID in correlation with the image ordering ID generated by the first ID generation means;~~

said member specifying ID, together with the group order information, being transmitted from the communication terminal, and the storage device storing the received group order information and the member specifying ID with both correlated with each other.

11. (Previously Presented) The server computer according to claim 2 , further comprising:

means for erasing from the image database the image data stored in the image database when a predetermined set time period has elapsed from a date for acceptance of the image data by the image data registration acceptance means.

12. (Previously Presented) The server computer according to claim 11, further comprising:

erasure confirmation transmission means for transmitting data representing a planned erasure date to the communication terminal prior to erasing the image data by the erasure means.

13. (Original) The server computer according to claim 11, wherein

said erasure means extends said set time period for the image data specified on the basis of the order information in response to the print command from the communication terminal.

14.-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a server computer capable of being connected to a communication terminal having a display device capable of displaying an image such that they can communicate with each other through a network, comprising the steps of:

storing image data in an image database;

transmitting to said communication terminal the image data stored in said image database in response to an image transmission request from said communication terminal;

storing group order information related to prints of an image represented by the image data transmitted from said communication terminal;

controlling a printer so as to print the image represented by the image data specified on the basis of the group order information stored in said storage device in response to a print command from said communication terminal;

accepting the registration of the image data to be stored in the image database; and

generating an image ordering ID and a print commanding ID in correlation with the accepted image data in response to the acceptance of the image data,

the image transmission request transmitted from the communication terminal including said image ordering ID, said transmitting step transmitting to said communication terminal the image data correlated with the image ordering ID in response to the image transmission request from the communication terminal,

~~the print command transmitted from the communication terminal including the print commanding ID, and said step of controlling the printer controlling the printer so as to print an image represented by the image data correlated with the print commanding ID in response to the print command from the communication terminal~~

generating a member specifying ID in correlation with said image ordering ID, the member specifying ID specifying a particular member of a group, and

accepting input from members of the group including the member specifying ID, the image ordering ID, and the member's selections which comprise the group order information, said print controlling step waiting for the print commanding ID and upon receipt thereof, controlling the printer to print a group order represented by the group order information.

17.-19. (Cancelled)